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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SENATE DEBATE ON PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

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1. IN ONLY SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT ABOUT THE RATIFICATION OF THE CANAL TREATIES, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO APRIL 22 PRAISED THE NEW ACCORD WHICH IT "CONSIDERED A TEST OF THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE CAPACITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADAPT TO NEW CONDITIONS OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE NATIONS OF ... THE HEMISPHERE". O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO ADDED THAT THE EVENT WAS "HISTORIC" AND "RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION" BY ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE VITALITY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. O ESTADO CALLED THE TREATY A DOCUMENT OF "PEACE" AND SAID IT SYMBOLISED THE END OF THE ERA OF THE "BIG STICK." THE EDITORIAL ALSO COMPLIMENTED TORRIJOS FOR CONTAINING PANAMANIAN NATIONALISTS AND EXTREMISTS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT INDISPUTEDLY "THE LEADERSHIP IMAGE OF CARTER BENEFITTED BY THE SENATE VOTE. HIS LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO A TEST MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND DECISIVE IN

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND THIS NECESSITATES THAT HE BE MORE FIRM THAN FLEXIBLE".

2. WEEKEND PRESS ALSO REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON TORRIJOS' INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT PANAMA.

3. COMMENT: JULIO DE MESQUITA, OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF O ESTADO,

WAS ONE OF THE SIX INTERLOCUTORS WITH WHOM PRESIDENT CARTER MET
MARCH 31 DURING HIS VISIT TO RIO DE JANEIRO. END COMMENT.

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